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SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" I have travelled in the cycle rickshaw in many of the Far Eastern countries like Malaya and Java; I found them definitely better and easier to pedal than to pull which is the case with the ordinary rickshaws. Will the Government introduce them here also."

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Having not much of personal experience in cycle rickshaws I am not in a position to give any definite answer. All I can say is, the Government are considering the question of abolishing rickshaws altogether, and it is with that view we are reducing their number by 1,250 and see what could be done. For instance Government have under consideration whether tonga could not be gradually substituted for rickshaws."

Payment of increased salaries to teachers in aided schools.

* 212 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that in many aided schools the managements have not been able to give the increased salaries to teachers prescribed in the recent Government Order;

(b) if so, what action the Government propose to take to enforce their orders;

(c) whether managements have represented that they would be forced to close down schools if the Government insisted upon payment of increased scales of salary; and

(d) whether the Government have under consideration the question of paying enhanced grants to enable the managements to pay increased rates of salary?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Education) :—" (a) Yes.

"(b) to (d) Some managements have represented that they are unable to pay the amount expected to be paid by them under the Government Order. The matter is under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government will expedite their orders to see that what is generously offered by the Government is really given to those who deserve?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The matter is actively under consideration; but the difficulty of the management is there, which has to be looked into."

Compulsory extra payment of Rs. 5 to teachers in aided schools.

* 213 Q.—SRI A. GOVINDACHARYULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that by a recent Government Order the Government made it compulsory on the part of the management to pay Rs. 5 per mensem to every teacher employed in aided elementary schools;

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(b) whether it is a fact that the aided schools are managed by the teachers also;

(c) whether the teacher-managers are also bound to pay Rs. 5 per mensem to their co-teachers over and above their salaries; if so, from what fund the Government expect the teacher-manager to pay the abovesaid amount;

(d) whether it is a fact that only 15 per cent of the total grant is allotted for managements for managing the elementary schools; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the management is strictly prohibited to meet the extra payment of the teachers from this allotment and are asked to account for this allotment spending it towards the building improvements, etc.?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI (on behalf of Hon. Minister for Education) :—" (a) Yes. It has been directed that secondary and higher grade trained teachers should be paid a sum of Rs. 5 by managements and Rs. 2 in the case of lower elementary grade teachers in addition to the grant paid by Government.

" (b) Yes.

" (c) The managements can either collect or raise funds for that purpose.

" (d) & (e) A 15 per cent grant on salaries to teachers is given to managements for the upkeep of building, etc., in a separate grant in addition to the grant for teachers' salaries. This amount is expected to be utilized for the purpose for which it was given."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are the Government aware that even if the management utilized this 15 per cent that is allotted to them for the purpose of increasing the salary of teachers by Rs. 5, that is not enough ?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Perhaps so, I am not quite sure."

Supply of oil engines.

* 214 Q.—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of applications received by Government in each district, villagewar and talukwar, for supply of oil engines to ryots for purposes of irrigation in the years 1945–46 and 1946–47;

(b) number of oil engines supplied on such applications in each district, their horse-power and sale price;

(c) the number pending and the reason of the pendency together with the period of pendency;

(d) the number of applications rejected and the reasons therefor;